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PRICE TWOPENCE.

NOTICE.—The Postage charge on Newspapers has ceased. The Proprietors of this Journal beg to announce that the subscription for the *Herald*, posted from this office for the country, is the same as in town, viz., 13s. per quarter; £1 8s. the half-year; £2 12s. per annum. This rate is for payment in advance.

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Notices.—Advertisements left at this office after half-past 5 p.m. will not in future be published on the following morning, excepting on Saturdays, when they will be taken till 11 p.m.

JOHN FAIRFAX AND SONS.

January 1, 1874.

BIRTHS.

AUSTIN.—August 30, at Thornbury House, Dorset-street, the wife of Mr. C. Austin, of a daughter.
COPPIN.—September 1, at her residence, 4, Cambridge-street, New South Wales, the wife of Mr. C. Coppin, of a daughter.
HOLMES.—September 1, at her residence, 11, St. John-street, the wife of Mr. J. Holmes, of a daughter.
BOLTON.—September 4, at her residence, 11, St. John-street, the wife of Mr. J. Bolton, of a daughter.
SPARK.—September 8, at her residence, 11, St. John-street, the wife of Mr. J. Spark, of a daughter.
WATSON.—September 11, at her residence, 11, St. John-street, the wife of Mr. J. Watson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

EVANS.—September 21, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. E. Shaw, Charles Evans, eldest son of Mr. J. Evans, of the City of Sydney, and Mary, fourth daughter of Mr. J. Evans, of the City of Sydney.

DEATHS.

MARR.—September 21, at her residence, Rose-street, Darlinghurst, the wife of Mr. J. Marr, of a daughter.
MULLER.—September 21, at her residence, 11, St. John-street, the wife of Mr. J. Muller, of a daughter.
TAYLOR.—September 21, at her residence, 11, St. John-street, the wife of Mr. J. Taylor, of a daughter.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE TO EUROPE, VIA SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK.

THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY HAVING CHARTERED THE SPLENDID NEW CLYDE-BUILT SCREW STEAMSHIP

CYPHERUS, 2000 tons register, 400-h.p. engine.

THOMAS WOODS, Commander.

WILL DEPART for this port (under engagement to the New South Wales Government) for SAN FRANCISCO

on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 O'CLOCK NOON.

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ILLAWARRA S. N. CO.'S STEAMERS.—TO

WOLLONGONG AND TATHRA.—10-day, 9.15 a.m.

MERRILL, and KERR.—Today, 9.15 a.m.

ILLAWARRA, CLYDE, MORUYA.—Friday, 9.15 a.m.

KIAMA and SHOALHAVEN.—Friday, at 11 a.m.

PARRAMATTA RIVER and HUNTER'S RIVER.

From Parramatta—7.9, 11 a.m., 1.3, 3.5 p.m.

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Steamers and Steam Launches for hire, at moderate rates, at any hour.

THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, via LEVUKA and HONOLULU.—CYPHERUS, SATURDAY, 26th instant, at NOON.

TO AUCKLAND.—Steamer early.

NEWCASTLE, RAYMOND TERRACE, and MURRAY.—Colony, to-night, Wednesday, at 11.

TO CLARENCE TOWN.—Colony (for passengers and cargo), to-night, Wednesday, at 11. (Freight payable in Sydney.)

TO BRISBANE.—Alexandra, Friday afternoon, at 5.

TO MARYBOROUGH.—Governor Blackall, Wednesday, 26th instant.

TO ROCKHAMPTON.—Boomerang, Saturday, at noon.

TO CLEVELAND BAY, via PORT DENISON.—Boomerang, Saturday, at noon.

TO COOKTOWN, ENDEAVOUR RIVER.—Florence, Monday afternoon, at 5.

For freight and passage, apply to the respective agents of the above ports.

FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

STEAM TO COOKTOWN.

ENDEAVOUR RIVER.

(under contract to the Government.)

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STEAM TO MELBOURNE.

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YOU YANGS, on FRIDAY, September 26th, at 12 noon.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The monthly MEETING of the Royal Society of New South Wales will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, Exchange, Bridge-street, THIS DAY, the 23rd instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Business.

On the Criminal Statistics of New South Wales, by Christopher Robinson, Esq.

Description of eleven new species of Terebratulid and other shells from New South Wales, by John Smith, Esq., G.M.S.

On the Criminal Statistics of New South Wales, by Christopher

OUR QUEENSLAND LETTER.

THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT are gravitating towards the question of the Chinese coolies, and this morning the members of the English mail this morning, and the Secretary for Public Works being some where, on his road back to duty, between this and Melbourne. Possibly you know more about him than we do. I do not know how the department of public works has been in their absence. Probably all of us are blessed with very able Under-Secretaries; but, between what is known for fact and what is surmised, there must be no small accumulation of Cabinet business awaiting a future meeting of Ministers. While, however, two members of the Government are absent, the others hold their colleagues have not been idle in fact the fruits of their labours give promise of a fine crop. The principal official news is to be found in an announcement evidently from authority—that writs of ejectment were issued by the Supreme Court in the month of 1867, have been served upon certain persons by the Government to recover possession of certain lands selected under the Leasing Act of 1866, and alleged to be in part held under the Crown Lands Act of 1868. It was known that the notice was issued, but the public had no distinct understanding that he was to be allowed to try conclusions with "dummyism," and since his accession fragments of information have from time to time been afforded, appearing with the intention of assuring the public that had been made by him, in their absence, a valuable maintaining lawyer, Mr. Griffith has not allowed himself to be hurried in coming to a conclusion as to the precise *modus operandi* to be adopted in obtaining the judgment of the Supreme Court in so grave but delicate a matter, and without previous understanding, and precise charges, the proceedings now initiated, have not the slightest expectation that they will break down from any mistake in form or blunder in detail. It was not known until to-day where the storm would break, but the big fish are evidently to be hooked, and the small fry are being taken. A number—already serving as ejectment—William Butler Tooth, of Clifton, and George Henry Davenport, of Headington Hill, Darling Down. As it is supposed that there are not a few of the readers of the *Sydney Morning Herald* interested in the subject, or indirectly, a host of cases, which hang upon the first delivery of the Supreme Court, it may not be uninteresting to give the form of writs issued. They run as follows.

To William Butler Tooth, of Clifton, in the colony of New South Wales, the following writs of ejectment of all that piece or parcel of land containing the undermentioned 320 acres more or less, situate in the parish of Macintyre, in the County of Darling, in the State of New South Wales, to wit:—*(Here follows the description of the land.)* That you have been seized on the 7th day of March, 1869, entitled, and to eject all other persons therefrom. Those are to come and defend the writs, and to appear on the 14th day after service hereof, to appear in person or by attorney in our Supreme Court of Brisbane to defend the said writs, and to show cause why the writs should not be made absolute, and why you should not be ordered to give security for costs, and to show cause why you should not be ordered to leave all pleadings or other proceedings requiring personal service."

Public feeling in the matter is of a somewhat mixed character; and in Mr. Davenport's case, at least, some sympathy is to be met with. The most enterprising and valuable of colonists.

The cases, of course, vary very much in the reasons for the alleged illegal holding—in some being fraudulent acquisition, and others non-fulfilment of conditions; and the proceedings will therefore be different.

There are some cases to be tried in which the defendant holds the commissioner's certificate of fulfilment of conditions. These will involve different issues, and the plaintiff will have his work cut out for him; apart from the fact that except in cases of actual fraud, such defendants will have the public sympathies strongly with them.

As a counterbalance, however, to these efforts on the part of the Government to repossess themselves of public lands, illegally held, they are at the same time engaged in opening up new lands for legitimate settlement. The Commissioner of Lands and Crown has been dispatched, the former to the Macintyre River, and the latter to the country between Bundaberg and Mount Perry, with a view of reporting to the Government upon the agricultural country available. It appears that the Commissioner of Lands and Crown is in the discovery lately made that colonists, who have been in the district, and the latter, possibly a equivalent in New South Walesmen may come to settle among us. Mr. Coxen's account of the country between Bundaberg and Mount Perry is a very interesting one. He only occasionally mentions small patches of agricultural land, but the total is of mediocre character. The Mount Perry township, however, is fast growing into importance. It musters not far off 3000 inhabitants, has several places of worship, a school attended by 100 scholars, and a large hotel, and, apart from its small furnaces, which, for a long time, have been the feature of the place, I need not dwell upon the prospects of the mines, as Sydney holds the heaviest interest in the various companies, and I hardly doubt you receive regular bulletins from head-quarters.

As there appears to be much excitement upon your colony at the present moment upon the subject of education by the State, it may not be without interest to mention that our Royal Commission, upon that exceedingly hard nut to crack, the education of the colony, is now in its prolonged *adversus* they have already discussed four witnesses, viz., the General Inspector and three District Inspectors under the existing system. At this rate their proceedings will make a volume, but if the inquiry is impartially conducted, it will be a valuable contribution to the presidency of Mr. Justice Lillie, and it is to be materially assisted in paving the way for practical legislation. It is unfortunate that two of the most able members of the Commission—both strong denominationalists—have refused to act, and that the Attorney-General, in his alleged public utterances of the Attorney-General, has been supposed to point to a foregone conclusion of the part of the Government. There is no doubt, however, that the Commission, as at present constituted, comprises a large majority of strong adherents to the existing system.

There is some prospect at present of the immigration of Chinese coolies into Queensland being regulated and controlled. It appears that the British Consul at Amoy, acting if not in concert, junction with, at all events with the approval of the Government, has consistently refused to give aid or countenance to the Chinese coolies, and that indentured to Queensland employers, until he has been formally and officially informed by our authorities that such emigrants would come under the Masters and Servants Act. Without the assistance of the mandarins any continuous supply of emigrants would be impossible, and they would lend no countenance to engagements which were not within the spirit of the treaty between Great Britain and China. For a long time no preparations could be made by our authorities, and the Chinese coolies, who were planters were efficacious to procure labour from the position of passive resistance which they had assumed. Antagonism to coloured labour being a platform question with them, they do not appear to have seen their way to even so simple a measure as to formal an act as that required from them, without which the principle of the treaty had assumed. Antagonism to coloured labour being a platform question with them, they do not appear to have seen their way to even so simple a measure as to formal an act as that required from them, without which the principle of the treaty had assumed. Antagonism to coloured labour being a platform question with them, they do not appear to have seen their way to even so simple a measure as to formal an act as that required from them, without which the principle of the treaty had assumed.

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